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5 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**
6 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

7 IN THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT)
8 ACTION AGAINST)

PDC CASE NO.: 00-873

9 King County and)
10 King County Department of Transportation)

STIPULATION OF FACTS,
VIOLATION AND PENALTY

Respondents.)
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12 King County and King County Department of Transportation (Respondents) and Public
13 Disclosure Commission Enforcement Staff (Staff) jointly submit this Stipulation of Facts,
14 Violation and Penalty for Commission consideration in lieu of a full enforcement hearing
15 before the Commission. The parties agree that pursuant to RCW 42.17.360 et. seq., the
16 Commission has the authority to accept, decline, or to suggest modifications to this Stipulation.

17 **Facts**

18 Both parties agree that the Report of Investigation dated June 1, 2001, and Sections III
19 and IV of the Notice of Administrative Charges dated June 1, 2001, contain accurate
20 statements of fact. The Notice of Administrative Charges, the Report of Investigation, and all
21 exhibits are incorporated herein by this reference.
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23 Staff acknowledges that the Respondents fully cooperated with the investigation and
24 resolution of this matter. Staff also agrees that no evidence was found of willful violations.
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Violation

Respondents and Staff agree that based upon the facts stipulated above, the Commission would likely find a single violation of RCW 42.17.190. Respondents and Staff further stipulate, however, that the December 16, 1999 News Release referenced in said stipulated facts, did not constitute a violation of RCW 42.17.190.

Penalty

Respondents and Staff agree that based upon the facts and the agreement regarding a violation of RCW 42.17.190 above, the Respondents are willing to accept an assessed total civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The parties agree that the penalty will be paid in full within 60 days from the entry of the Commission's Final Order in this matter.

Respondents agree to comply in good faith with RCW 42.17, and, in furtherance of that end, Respondents agree to seek clarification from the Commission through the declaratory order process regarding RCW 42.17.190. Staff may supplement, but will not object to, Respondents' request for a declaratory order.

Respectfully submitted this ____ day of June, 2001.

Vicki Rippie, Executive Director

DATE SIGNED

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